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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-088618 filed March 27, 2003, to which the above-identified United States Patent Application claims the right of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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